

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/873,259 Confirmation No. 5965  
Applicant : T. TANAKA et al.  
Filed : June 5, 2001  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROKER  
SERVICE TO AUCTIONS  
TC/AU : 3691  
Examiner : S.E. Chencinski  
Docket No. : NIT-278  
Customer No. : 24956

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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August 3, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2009, the period for reply thereto being extended by two months and set to expire on August 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.